

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 548

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A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate the ministers and congregation of Star of Hope Chapel upon their 30th Anniversary.

WHEREAS, the churches of our nation have been an integral part of our history as a people and have had an unparalleled impact in forming and maintaining a stable and just society; and

WHEREAS, it is appropriate that the members of this legislative body should recognize those venerable religious institutions and their congregations that, through their unflagging capacity for love, dedication of spirit, and faith in God, strive to enrich the lives of people in their communities; one such dynamic community of faith is Star of Hope Chapel, the members of which, are celebrating the church's 30th Anniversary; and

WHEREAS, Star of Hope Chapel, located in Wartburg, is a non-denominational church organized in August of 1979; and

WHEREAS, Pastor J. D. Trimble and the founding congregation held the first services in the home of Kenny and Billie Osborne and later in the basement of the home of John M. and Minnie Ann Armes; and

WHEREAS, in 1980, Star of Hope Chapel was built on land donated by John and Foye Armes on Flat Rock Road, and in the fall of 1980, the first services were held in the new church; and

WHEREAS, forging the creation of Star of Hope Chapel from these humble beginnings, the church leaders and congregation, following the guidance of the Lord, have expanded the size of the church building with several additions including classrooms, additional restrooms, and a fellowship hall; and

WHEREAS, in 1981, Reverend Glen Matthews and Reverend Clem Jones provided pastoral leadership and in 1982, Reverend Glen Matthews assumed full time pastoral duties until his retirement in 1992; throughout his years of service to the congregation of Star of Hope Chapel, Reverend Matthews demonstrated the utmost professionalism, ability, integrity, and Christian belief; and

WHEREAS, Reverend David Barkley accepted the pastoral position with Star of Hope Chapel in April of 1993, and he continues to lead the church with his singular skills, dedicated abilities, and with the grace and guidance of the Lord, winning the unbridled respect and admiration of his congregation and colleagues alike; and

WHEREAS, with remarkable faith, congregational input, expectant prayer, and acts of mercy throughout their history, the devout members of Star of Hope Chapel have faithfully striven to carry out God's work in the world; and

WHEREAS, an integral part of their community, the congregation of Star of Hope Chapel has demonstrated their belief in the Lord's merciful mission through a number of Christian endeavors including, financial support for many community members in need, granting assistance to a local church damaged during the 2002 tornado, providing food baskets for the needy, sick, and shut-in residents in the community, participating in the Frozen Head State Park annual Christmas pageant, caroling at Christmas for the elderly, and supporting several missionary groups, both foreign and domestic; and

WHEREAS, as a powerful tool in the service of the Kingdom of God, Star of Hope Chapel is truly one of the great religious institutions and catalysts for positive spiritual change in our State and Nation, and the members of this exceptional congregation should be appropriately honored for their exemplary service to their fellow Christians and to the good people of their community; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED SIXTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we join in celebrating the 30th anniversary of Star of Hope Chapel, thank the good people of this congregation and their ministers for their notable service to their Lord

and the State of Tennessee, and wish them much continued success and happiness in the years to come.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.